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SUBJECT: QUARTERLY REPORT TO SFRC ON LAOS

HEREWITH MISSION REPORT FOR FOURTH QUARTER CY-73,  
WITH FORMAT CHANGES TO ACCOMMODATE INTEGRATION OF LIF  
INTO FAR.

1. U.S. PERSONNEL IN LAOS (AS OF 31 DECEMBER 73): 756

A. CIVILIAN DIRECT HIRE: 394

B. MILITARY: 175

(1) DAO - 34

(2) PROJECT 404 (INCLUDING TDY TO PROJECT  
404): 125

(3) MARINE GUARDS AND U.S. NAVY: 16

C. PERSONNEL ON TEMPORARY DUTY (LESS PROJECT  
404): 16

(1) CIVILIAN: 12

(2) MILITARY (LESS TDY PROJECT 404): 4

D. CONTRACT EMPLOYEES: 186

2. FRIENDLY MILITARY FORCES: 81,735

A. FAR/FAN: 70,723

B. LAO IRREGULAR LOCAL DEFENSE FORCES  
(ADC/ADO): 6,839

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C. THAI VOLUNTEERS IN RLG IRREGULAR FORCES

IN LAO: 4,099

3. ESTIMATED ENEMY FORCES IN LAOS (AS OF END FOURTH  
QUARTER CY-73): 88,760

A. NORTH VIETNAMESE ARMY (NVA) (EXCLUDING THOSE  
ENEMY FORCES TRANSITING LAOS VIA HO CHI MINH  
TRAIL SYSTEM): 58,425

B. LAO PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMY (LPLA OR PATHET  
LAO): 28,335

C. DISSIDENT NEUTRALISTS (DN): 2,000

4. ROYAL LAO IAR FORCE (RLAF) OPERATIONS IN LAOS:

A. TACTICAL AIR COMBAT SORTIES (T-28): 10

B. GUNSHIP/FLARESHIP COMBAT SORTIES  
(AC/UC-47): ZERO

C. AIR TRANSPORT SORTIES (C-47/H-34 AND C-123):  
7,033

5. CASUALTIES IN LAOS:

A. U.S. MISSION PERSONNEL: ZERO

B. FAR/FAN/IRREGULAR LOCAL DEFENSE: 24 KILLED;  
45 WOUNDED

C. THAI VOLUNTEERS: 19 KILLED; 56 WOUNDED

D. NVA/LPLA/DN: 13 KILLED; 30 ESTIMATED KILLED  
OR WOUNDED

6. USG MILITARY CONTRACTS OR AGREEMENTS: ZERO

7. U.S. MISSION PERSONNEL MISSING IN ACTION LAOS:  
ZERO

8. FOLLOWING EXPLANATIONS APPLY TO ABOVE ENTRIES:

PARA 1(A): DECREASE OF 21 MAINLY DUE TO REDUCTIONS  
IN USAID STAFF.

PARA 1(B): DECREASE OF 26 DUE MAINLY TO EXPIRATION  
OF TDY ASSIGNMENTS FOR PROJECT 404  
COMMUNICATIONS PERSONNEL.

PARA 1(D): DECREASE OF 76 CONTRACT EMPLOYEES  
REFLECTS FEWER USAID CONTRACT EMPLOYEES  
AND CONTINUING DRAWDOWN IN CIVILIAN  
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AIR CONTRACTORS.

PARA 2(A): FIGURE INCLUDES RLAF STRENGTH OF 2,278;  
DECREASE OF 2,774 REFLECTS IMPROVED FAR  
PERSONNEL ACCOUNTING PROCEDURES.

PARA 2(B): INCREASE OF 442 OCCURRED MAINLY IN MR-IAND  
MR-II WHEN TROOPS RETURNED FROM HARVEST  
DUTIES.

PARA 2(C): DECREASE OF 4,272 TOOK PLACE BETWEEN DECEMBER 5

AND DECEMBER 17 WHEN THAI BATTALIONS  
WERE REDUCED FROM 17 TO 10.

PARA 4(C): INCREASE OF 1,046 REFLECTS BETTER RLAF  
UTILIZATION OF AIRCRAFT AND INCREASED  
COMPETENCE IN CARGO-HAULING OPERATIONS.

PARA 5 : SHARP DROP IN CASUALTY FIGURES OF BOTH  
SIDES PARALLELS THE LOW LEVEL OF MILITARY  
ACTIVITY SINCE SEPTEMBER 14, WHEN LAO  
PROTOCOL WAS SIGNED.

PARA 7 : CASI PILOT EMMET KAY REMAINS A PRISONER  
OF PATHET LAO.

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